

## I LOVE A MYSTERY

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1/16/39 – 9/29/39, Fleischmann, NBC – West Coast, 5t, 15m, 3:15 PST  
10/2/39 – 3/29/40, Fleischmann, NBC, 5t, 15m, 7:15 pm  
4/4/40 – 6/27/40, Fleischmann, NBC, Thu, 30m, 8:30 pm  
9/30/40 – 6/30/41; 10/6/41 – 6/29/42, Fleischmann, Bl, Mon, 30m, 8 pm  
3/22/43 – 12/29/44, Ivory and Oxydol, CBS, 5t, 15m, 7 pm  
10/3/49 – 12/26/52, Sus, Mut, 5t, 15m

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Cast: Jack Packard by Michael Raffetto; Doc Long by Barton Yarborough; Reggie York by Walter Paterson; Jerry (Jerri) Booker by Gloria Blondell as of 3/10/41

| <u># of Episodes</u> | <u>Starting Date</u> | <u>Title</u>  | <u>Shows in Circulation</u> |
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| 15                   | 1/16 – 2/3/39        | The Roxy Gangsters<br>(The Case of the Roxy Mob)                      | 3rd episode (1/18/39)       |
| 15                   | 2/6 – 2/24/39        | Death Aboard the Lady Mary<br>(Trouble at Sea)                        |                             |
| 25                   | 2/27 – 3/31/39       | Case of the Nevada Cougar, The<br>(The Case of the Nevada Man Killer) |                             |
| 20                   | 4/3 – 4/28/39        | Mystery of the Lazy K Ranch, The<br>(The Turn of the Wheel)           |                             |
| 15                   | 5/1 – 5/19/39        | Strange Affair At Sandy Spring Sanitarium<br>(Whose Body Got Buried)  |                             |
| 15                   | 5/22 – 6/9/39        | The Texas Border Smugglers<br>(The Escape of the Desert Hog)          |                             |
| 15                   | 6/12 – 6/30/39       | El Paso, Texas Murders, The<br>(Blood on the Border)                  |                             |
| 15                   | 7/3 - 7/21/39        | Flight to Death*  |                             |
| 15                   | 7/24 – 8/11/39       | Murder, Hollywood Style*  |                             |
| 15                   | 8/14 - 9/1/39        | Incident Concerning Death*  |                             |
| 18                   | 9/6 – 9/29/39        | Yolo County/Battle of the Century<br>(Battle of the Century)          |                             |

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| 15 | 10/2 – 10/20/39  | The Blue Phantom<br>(The Blue Phantom Murders)         |                               |
| 20 | 10/23 – 11/17/39 | Castle Island<br>(The Fear That Creeps Like a Cat)     |                               |
| 15 | 11/20 – 12/8/39  | Hollywood Cherry<br>(The Thing That Creeps Like a Cat) |                               |
| 15 | 12/11 – 12/29/39 | Bury Your Dead, Arizona                                |                               |
| 15 | 1/1 – 1/19/40    | The San Diego Murders<br>(The Richard's Curse)         | 8th episode (1/10/40)         |
| 20 | 1/22 – 2/16/40   | Temple of the Vampires<br>(Temple of Vampires)         | 2-min. air check<br>(2/15/40) |
| 15 | 2/19 – 3/8/40    | The Brooks Kidnapping*                                 |                               |

- 15      3/11 – 3/29/40      Murder in Turquoise Pass\*
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- 13      4/4/40 – 6/27/40      The Snake with the Diamond Eyes      4/11/40 (first 6 min.)  
6/13/40  
(This story was done as 26 quarter-hour episodes on Mutual  
in 1950. Valse Triste was first used as the theme and it was  
the first story whose title was announced on the air.)
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- 13      9/30 – 12/30/40      The Tropics Don't Call it Murder      Last 1/2 of 8; First  
1/2 of 10th, 11th episodes  
(The Tropics Taste Murder)
- 9      1/6 – 3/3/41      The Case of the Transplanted Castle
- 9      3/10 – 5/5/41      Murder on February Island (Jerry Booker  
first introduced)
- 8      5/12 – 6/30/41      Eight Kinds of Murder (A-1 Detective Agency  
established)      6/30/41
- 7/7/41 – 9/29/41      (off the air)
- 8      10/6 – 11/24/41      The Monster in the Mansion      2 1/2-shows; last 1/2  
of ep. 6; 1st 1/2 of ep. 5
- 10      12/1/41 – 2/2/42      Secret Passage to Death      12/1/41; 12/8/41
- 9      2/9 – 4/6/42      Terror of Frozen-Corpse Lodge
- 12      4/13 – 6/29/42      The Pirate Loot of the Island of the  
Skulls      4 episodes; 4/20 (last  
half); 5/25; 6/1,  
6/15 (last half)

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**Cast:** Jack by Michael Raffetto until May 15, 1944; Jay Novello until 8/21/44; John McIntire from 8/22/44; Doc by Barton Yarborough until May 15, 1944; Forrest Lewis eventually took his place as Michael, a Viennese sleuth; with death of Walter Paterson, Reggie not in rest of scripts; Jerry Booker was played by Gloria Blondell until the end of 1943; Cathy Lewis soon took her place as secretary, Mary Kay.

The date of death of Walter Paterson is Wednesday, September 2, 1942 at the age of 31. The last episode in which he spoke was the 2/2/42 episode of Secret Passage to Death. The last reference to Reggie was made on 5/7/43 in the last episode of Blood on the Cat. Jerry Booker often took Reggie's place after that until the end of 1943.

Other continuing characters were Michael played by Forrest Lewis in 3 stories in 1944; Terry Burke played by Forrest Lewis in at least 4 of the last seven stories of the original run. Also appearing were Mercedes McCambridge, Jay Novello and Richard LeGrande.

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| 15 | 3/22 – 4/9/43   | The Girl in the Gilded Cage                                  | 7th episode (3/30)         |
| 20 | 4/12 – 5/7/43   | Blood on the Cat   |                            |
| 20 | 5/10 – 6/4/43   | The Killer of Circle M                                       |                            |
| 30 | 6/7 – 7/16/43   | Stairway to the Sun (The Island in the Sky)                  |                            |
| 15 | 7/19 – 8/6/43   | The Graves of Whamperjaw, Texas*                             |                            |
| 15 | 8/9 – 8/27/43   | Murder is the Word for It*                                   |                            |
| 25 | 8/30 – 10/1/43  | The Decapitation of Jefferson Monk                           |                            |
| 25 | 10/4 – 11/5/43  | My Beloved is a Vampire                                      |                            |
| 20 | 11/8 – 12/3/43  | The Hermit of San Felipe, Atabapo                            | 11th episode;<br>11/22/43) |
| 15 | 12/6 – 12/24/43 | The Deadly Sin of Sir Richard Coyle                          |                            |
| 44 | 12/27 – 2/25/44 | The Twenty Traitors of Timbuktu                              |                            |
| 20 | 2/28 – 3/24/44  | The Fear That Creeps Like a Cat*<br>(African Jungle Mystery) |                            |
| 20 | 3/27 – 4/21/44  | The Widow with the Amputation                                |                            |
| 15 | 4/24 – 5/12/44  | I am the Destroyer of Women                                  | 5/12/44                    |
| 15 | 5/15 – 6/2/44   | You Can't Pin a Murder on Nevada                             | 12th episode<br>(5/30/44)  |
| 5  | 6/5 – 6/9/44    | The Corpse in Compartment C, Car 76                          |                            |
| 19 | 6/13 – 7/7/44   | The Thing Wouldn't Die                                       |                            |
| 21 | 7/10 – 8/7/44   | The Case of the Terrified Comedian*                          |                            |
| 10 | 8/8 – 8/21/44   | The Man Who Hated to Shave*                                  |                            |
| 20 | 8/22 – 9/18/44  | Temple of the Vampires*                                      |                            |
| 15 | 9/19 – 10/9/44  | The Bride of the Werewolf                                    |                            |
| 23 | 10/10 – 11/9/44 | The Monster in the Mansion*                                  |                            |
| 20 | 11/10 – 12/7/44 | Portrait of a Murderess                                      |                            |
| 16 | 12/8 – 12/29/44 | Find Elsa Holberg, Dead of Alive                             |                            |

This is the end of the original series

All episodes with an asterisk (\*) mean that no original script was found; information was gathered by inference from other scripts and sources.

Murder in Turquoise Pass is a rewrite of The Case of the Nevada Killer; the African Jungle Mystery is a rewrite of Castle Island;

No episodes broadcast on 9/4 and 9/5/39; 11/4/40; 12/31/43; 6/12/44

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**Cast:** Jack by Russell Thorson until October 28, 1952; Bob Dryden after that; Doc by Jim Boles; Reggie by Tony Randall until 6/12/51; Reggie not in rest of scripts; Jerry Booker by Athena Lord (wife of Jim Boles); Booker not in scripts from 4/14/52; new secretary (Mary Kay Brown) also played by Athena Lord.

Supporting players included Mercedes McCambridge, Luis van Rooten and Inga Adams

All stories except one were in the original series

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| 20 | 10/3 – 10/28/49   | The Fear That Creeps Like a Cat                                | 2 episodes (10/3;<br>10/5)                           |
| 15 | 10/31 – 11/18/49  | The Thing That Cries in the Night<br>(Faith, Hope and Charity) | Complete run   |
| 15 | 11/21 – 12/9/49   | Bury Your Dead, Arizona  | Complete run   |
| 15 | 12/12 – 12/30/49  | The (Richard) Million Dollar Curse                             | Complete except for<br>episode #10                   |
| 20 | 1/2 – 1/27/50     | Temple of the Vampires   | 11 episodes (#1 – 7,<br>16, 17, 19, 20)              |
| 18 | 1/30 – 2/22/50    | Battle of the Century  | 14 episodes (#1 – 4,<br>7 – 9, 11 – 14, 16 –<br>18)  |
| 26 | 2/23 – 3/30/50    | The Tropics Don't Call it Murder                               | 1 episode (3/30)                                     |
| 25 | 3/31 – 5/4/50     | The Case of the Nevada Man Killer                              | 2 episodes (4/20,<br>4/27)                           |
| 20 | 5/5 – 6/1/50      | The Turn of the Wheel (Who is Gregory<br>Marks)                |  |
| 15 | 6/2 – 6/22/50     | The Blue Phantom Murders                                       | the episode usually<br>listed is probably<br>3/30/50 |
| 26 | 6/23 – 7/28/50    | The Snake with the Diamond Eyes                                | 1 episode (7/27)                                     |
| 15 | 7/31 – 8/18/50    | Flight to Death  |  |
| 15 | 8/21 – 9/8/50     | Murder in Turquoise Pass                                       | 3 episodes (8/22/50,<br>8/30/8/31)                   |
| 15 | 9/11 – 9/29/50    | Whose Body Got Buried?   |  |
| 15 | 10/2 – 10/20/50   | Escapade of the Desert Hag                                     |  |
| 15 | 10/23 – 11/10/50  | Blood on the Border  |  |
| 12 | 11/13 – 11/28/50  | Trouble at Sea   |  |
| 15 | 11/29 – 12/19/50  | Incident Concerning Death                                      | 1 episode (12/12/50)                                 |
| 14 | 12/20/50 – 1/8/51 | The Case of the Roxy Mob                                       | Episode usually listed<br>is probably 1/18/39        |
| 18 | 1/9 – 2/1/51      | The Case of the Transplanted Castle                            |  |
| 18 | 2/2 – 2/27/51     | Murder on February Island                                      |  |
| 23 | 2/28 – 3/30/51    | The Monster in the Mansion                                     |  |
| 16 | 4/2 – 4/23/51     | Eight Kinds of Murder  |  |
| 20 | 4/24 – 5/21/51    | Secret Passage to Death  | Episode usually listed<br>is probably 12/1/41        |
| 18 | 5/22 – 6/14/51    | Terror of Frozen-Corpse Lodge                                  |  |
| 24 | 6/15 – 7/18/51    | The Pirate Loot of the Island of the Skulls                    |  |
| 15 | 7/19 – 8/8/51     | Brooks Kidnapping, The   |  |
| 15 | 8/9 – 8/29/51     | Murder Hollywood Style   |  |
| 15 | 8/30 – 9/19/51    | The Girl in the Gilded Cage                                    |  |
| 20 | 9/20 – 10/17/51   | Blood on the Cat   |  |
| 21 | 10/18 – 11/16/51  | The Case of the Terrified Comedian                             |  |
| 20 | 11/19 – 12/14/51  | The Killer of the Circle M                                     | 2 episodes (11/30;<br>12/3)                          |
| 15 | 12/17/51 – 1/4/52 | Murder is the Word for It                                      | 2 episodes (12/20/51;<br>1/4/52)                     |
| 30 | 1/7 – 2/15/52     | Stairway to the Sun  |  |

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| 15 | 2/18 – 3/7/52     | The Graves of Whamperjaw, Texas                                   | 2 episodes (2/27;<br>2/28)  |
| 25 | 3/10 – 4/11/52    | The Decapitation of Jefferson Monk                                |   |
| 25 | 4/14 – 5/16/52    | My Beloved is a Vampire   | 1 episode (5/16)  |
| 20 | 5/19 – 6/13/52    | The Hermit of San Felipe, Atabapo                                 | 13 episodes (some<br>partial) (#1, 3 – 8,<br>11, 12, 16 – 18, 20) |
| 15 | 6/16 – 7/4/52     | The Deadly Sin of Sir Richard Coyle                               |   |
| 10 | 7/7 – 7/18/52     | The Man Who Hated to Shave  |   |
| 20 | 7/21 – 8/15/52    | The African Jungle Mystery (Fear That<br>Creeps Like a Cat)       |   |
| 10 | 8/18/52 – 8/29/52 | (Off the air)   |   |
| 20 | 9/1 – 9/26/52     | The Cobra King Strikes Back (adapted<br>from Adventures By Morse) |   |
| 20 | 9/30 – 10/27/52   | The Widow With the Amputation                                     |   |
| 15 | 10/28 – 11/19/52  | I Am the Destroyer of Women                                       | 2 episode (11/17;<br>11/18)                                       |
| 15 | 11/20 – 12/10/52  | The Bride of the Werewolf   | 1 episode (12/5)  |
| 12 | 12/11 – 12/26     | Find Elsa Holberg, Dead or Alive                                  |   |

No episodes were broadcast on 11/15/51; 11/4/52; 11/7/52

On 5/21/45 a half hour audition program was made with Jack and Doc. The title is "But Grandma, What Big Teeth You Have." Regular cast

On 5/11/54 at least 3 episodes of Million Dollar Curse (Audition) were made with Parley Baer as Doc, Ben Wright as Reggie and Russell Thorson as Jack.

Radio Guide says 4/4/40 starts a new series, formerly on Monday – Friday. There is no indication of a sponsor.

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Dr. Brian Christopher Misiaszek has an ILAM web site  
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Additional information is being added constantly by an ever growing ILAM internet group headed by Charlie Summers. Contact him <[charlie@lofcom.com](mailto:charlie@lofcom.com)>. Many of the episodes from 1/16/39 – 4/1/40 had different titles when they were on Mutual. They are indicated by ( ).

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